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Now what?

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College is balancing the books and the beer



Stephen Yeargin
Executive Editor

Here you go again, yet another chapter in that Great Comic Book of Life.

Well, if I wrote it, it would be a comic book. More pictures.

For those of you with the intention of getting good 'n rowdy every night, I salute you. Please, please get picked up by the cops as soon as possible so they'll actually be room to park my truck illegally around campus.

Yes, I will eventually pay that ticket from last semester.

The people living over in the notorious Clement Hall will appreciate you taking your rear out of the population too, because there's not a question in my mind they want out of there as soon as possible. Heard the Haunted Hall legend yet?

But let's change gears a bit, not all of you are going to be booted off campus. There's work to be done.

Remember that you're here to work on your GPA toward a degree, not toward your BAC and the ability to do a 30 second keg stand.

Of course, some will hit the books so hard that they get a concussion. I believe that college is not for the knowledge you gain, but where you perfect your ability to learn. An open mind and open heart will get you far here.

The fact is, you will be sitting in about the same spot you are right now in four years thinking back on how quickly the last four years will have whizzed by. Your friends from high school will have faded away, and the people you meet here at UTM will be the same folks you will call some day to be your best men and bridesmaids.

Some of you won't complete the journey here, or at all. Those lottery scholarships (which I resent every one of you for having when I couldn't) are very unforgiving when

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it comes to making that 3.0 GPA, and it will take hard work.

Hard work brings with it opportunities to let loose a bit, too.

Some call college a time of self-discovery, but I encourage you to not forget who you really are. College changes people, but people don't really change. We just mature. Hold strong to what you

believe in and you'll be the better person.

Welcome to the University of Tennessee at Martin, and the best four-to-seven years of your life.

Stephen Yeargin of Nashville, Tenn., is the Executive Editor of The Pacer. He turns 21 in two days, and will probably be very, very hard to find.

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Chancellor welcomes all to UTM



Nick Dunagan
UTM Chancellor

All of us at UTM welcome you to the university, to the City of Martin, and to North-west Tennessee.

You are now part of a great university that is located in a wonderful area of the state. We are pleased that you chose UTM for your college experience.

Although you have likely left home to attend college, you are not alone as you join one of

the largest freshman classes to ever attend the university. This is also the best academically prepared class to attend UTM, which tells us that you and your classmates will be successful college students.

We are very proud of our diversity on campus. I encourage you to take the opportunity to get to know students from over 30 countries and to appreciate the multicultural aspects of this campus. It is important that we all further refine our understanding and appreciation of the fact that diversity makes this campus stronger.

UTM is known for offering high-quality undergraduate education. You will work with excellent faculty members who are known for their teaching expertise and who care about

students. You will also interact with the university's fine staff who are dedicated to providing the services you need for a positive university experience.

Beyond the classroom, I hope you will get involved in campus life. From intramural sports to leadership roles to cultural events to intercollegiate athletics, you will find many ways to meet new friends and be an active part of the university community. Area businesses, churches and other organizations actively support the university and offer other opportunities for personal growth and engagement.

Again, we welcome you, and I look forward to meeting you personally as you "live the total collegiate experience" at the UTM.

Counselor's Corner

Jennifer Y. Levy, Ph.D.
UTM Counseling and Career Services

This Week's Topic:
Embrace Uncertainty

I hope you have a terrific freshman year. Just about everything you need for that to happen is right here on campus.

The most important determinant of your year within you. You can choose your attitude, your habits and your opportunities. Are you going to reach for everything that will make this a good year, or shrink back into your comfort zone?

Some of you are homesick and uncertain right now. You are wondering if you have the brains or the determination to make it through college. You might be worrying about what's going on at home and whether your family, your friends or your significant other are going to be okay without you.

Some of you are excited about this year. You are looking forward to learning everything you can. You welcome the chance to meet new people and to open up your world. You may have some anxiety, but overall you are fairly confident that you can meet the challenge of college. If this describes you, please look around. Look for the classmate, roommate or fellow PEP-group student who is isolated and scared.

Take a few minutes to say hello and get a conversation going. I guarantee you that 20 years from now, this person will remember that a really great student connected with him or her during those first few tentative days of college and made life more pleasant.

Please remember that there are lots of resources on this campus. If you feel confused and overwhelmed, you can talk to your R.A., your PEP leader, your faculty mentor for Freshman Studies or any staff or faculty member.

If you actually read the materials you are given and listen to the information provided during Freshman Welcome Week, you will feel much more comfortable and informed. Expect to feel "out of your element." You went through four years of high school, progressing from insecure freshman to almighty senior – and now, you are starting at the beginning again!

It is impossible to learn and grow without putting yourself in a challenging situation. It's okay and normal to feel that you are lonely and out of place, and will never be able to figure out this whole college thing. Just keep going.

Instead of freaking out because you are in a new situation, savor it. Choose to keep a friendly expression on your face and an open mind to new experiences.

Some suggestions for getting through the initial adjustment to college: Keep a journal of your feelings. It can be a notebook for your eyes only or an online blog to share with friends. You'll be able to track your growing self-confidence. Don't stay so over-involved with your family or your friends back home that you aren't able to make new connections. Limit the cell phone and the email, and get out and talk to the people around you instead.

Take an honest inventory of your good and bad habits and work on some realistic changes to the habits that are going to interfere with your being a good student (no more six-packs or staying up till 3 a.m. when you have an early class).

Enjoy yourself. Tolerate and embrace the discomfort of meeting a new challenge. Come see us in the Counseling Center (UC 213) if you are having a really tough time. And please, have a great year.

Instigate change in new academic year

-- Tell UTM what's on your mind!



Lisa Ashby
Viewpoints Editor

Welcome to the University of Tennessee at Martin!

As a senior, I want to take this time to welcome all the new students to this beautiful and exciting campus. Over the past few years I have learned several things that I would like to share.

Submit articles to *The Pacer*! I cannot stress this one enough! We want to know what you are doing and what you think of things. If you liked a movie, write a review for Arts and Entertainment. If your organization had an event, write an article for News. If something irritates you, write a column for Viewpoints. If sports are your thing, cover a varsity or intramural event for Sports.

Go to class! Professors actu-

ally like it when you show up for lectures and act like you are paying attention. Think of it as unintentional brown-nosing.

Don't party too hearty. I hate to say this but, if you don't balance classes, activities and fun time, you might as well pack your bags now.

Take time to get to know all your professors. They may seem dorky in the classroom but some are heaps of fun outside the classroom.

Don't wear low-rise jeans to class. You are inadvertently mooning the person sitting in the desk behind you.

No matter where the road takes you this year, enjoy the experience. Whatever life throws at you will only make you stronger.

Good luck this year and enjoy the ride!



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Public Safety stresses ‘moderation’ to freshmen

Will York
Assistant Section Editor

Freshmen, you’re free. But as you “stretch your wings” and begin to “fly about the campus,” as this year’s Freshmen Welcome Week theme suggests, the incoming class should consider a few safety tips that could make freedom feel a little better.

While overall crime rates on campus are trending down and Martin is a safe place to live, crime still does occur at UTM. The Department of Public Safety’s mission is to provide protection to both students and possessions at the university. The Public Safety headquarters is located in Crisp Hall, across from the UC.

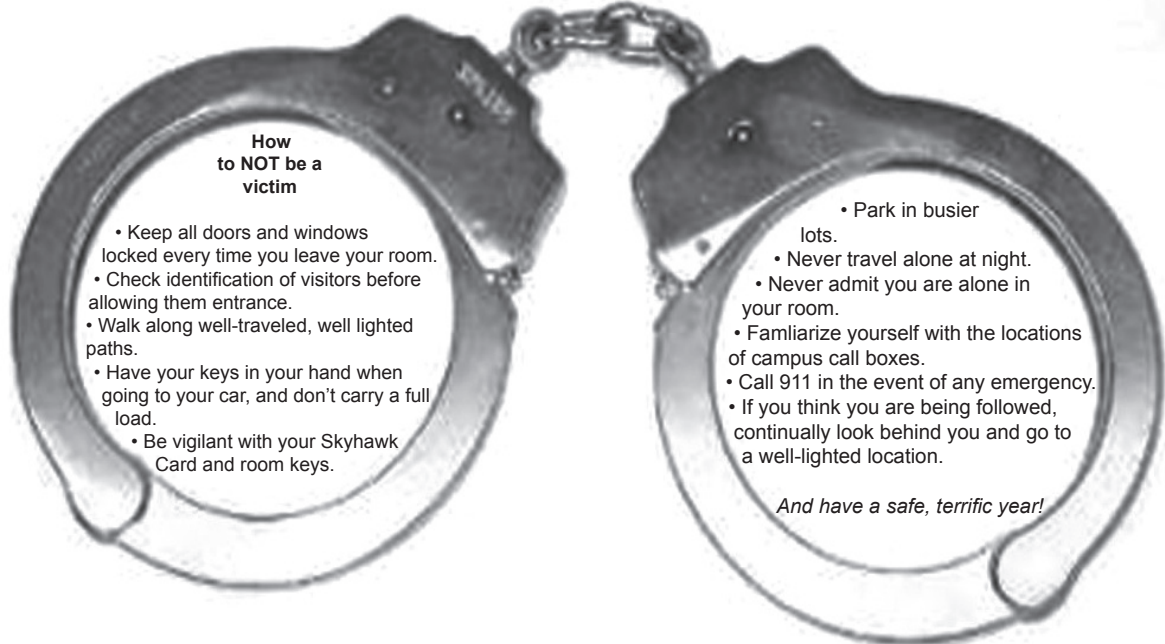
Captain Rick Hatler, director of Public Safety, has hints for this year’s freshmen about how to manage their new-found freedom safely. “We like to encourage freshmen to have a good time, but to use good judgment in what they do,” Hatler said.

Hatler also pointed out several new changes to university policy, including new regulations on cell phones and skateboards.

In July, the Chancellor’s Staff approved a new policy regarding cell phones with camera capabilities. The regulation makes photographing people in places where they have a “reasonable expectation of privacy,” such as a dorm room, bathroom, or locker room, a misdemeanor. The crime becomes a felony if the perpetrator transfers the image to another person. It is also illegal to photograph test materials and transfer them to someone else.

“This invasion of privacy really hasn’t been an issue at UTM yet, but we’re trying to prevent anything from happening. It hasn’t been a problem, but it could be. We want to be ahead of the policy,” Hatler said.

A new policy also went into effect concerning student IDs. Instead of using Social Security numbers as identification on campus documents and Skyhawk cards, the university



is using a separate nine-digit identification code to stave off identity theft.

“Identity theft first came into play two years ago and we encourage everybody on campus to maintain control of their personal identification,” he said.

The Chancellor’s Staff drafted a new code concerning skateboards and in-line skates, which will be prohibited except on the sidewalks “as long as it does not interfere with the normal flow of pedestrian traffic and as long as the wheels stay in contact with the sidewalks.” Parking lots 2 and 5 have been designated as skate-safe locations all day on weekends and from 5 to 7 p.m. on weekdays. Hatler cites safety as the primary reason for the policy.

Vehicle registration costs \$26 for this year and fines have increased from \$10 to \$15 per offense.

Hatler added that crime events are rare on campus but that they do occur. “The most common call that comes into us is because of conflict issues; the most common criminal offense is theft.”

Hatler added that in the event of an emergency, students may use callboxes located throughout campus by simply pushing the “squawk” button.

Students may complete an inventory form at the Office of Public Safety in Crisp Hall to record the serial numbers of

valuables in the event of theft.

As part of the Freshman Welcome Week activities, Lt. Ray Coleman gave a presentation on the effects of alcohol, while during the campus tour Lt. Darrell

Simmons will discuss how not to become a crime victim.

“Overall, we want freshman to have a good time here,” Hatler said. “We also encourage freshmen to do everything in moderation. It wouldn’t be

good to study all day, and it probably wouldn’t be good to party all day either. That’s the best piece of advice we can give.”

UTM Emergency Callbox Locations:

- South of McCord Hall
- South of Sociology Bldg.
- South of Gooch Hall
- Northeast corner of EPS Bldg.
- North Main entrance of Administration
- Southwest corner of Lot 20
- Southeast wall of Student Life Center
- Northwest corner of McCord
- West side of 440 track
- Graves stables

Remember, you can access emergency services from any phone by dialing 911.

SAC's Welcome Back Week

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w/ Horizontal orange in Concert

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SAC's Foam Dance Party

August 31 • UC Patio
8pm to midnite

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open mic night
september 1
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outdoor movie hidalgo at 9pm

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National Panhellenic Council
Residence Hall Association
Student Government Association
Student Activities Council
Undergraduate Alumni Council

Honorary Organizations

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Psi Chi
Rho Lambda
Sigma Alpha Iota
Tri Beta

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Baptist Collegiate Ministry
Campus Crusade for Christ
Church of Christ Student Center
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Interfaith Center
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The Wildlife Society
NAMA
History Club
Geo Club
Alpha Psi Omega

Become involved and cure your boredom

Elizabeth Watts
Assistant Section Editor

When you first arrive, Martin might appear to be a boring place to spend the next four years of your life, but there are many things to do around campus if you find yourself getting bored. Forming an intramural sports team or joining a student organization is the easiest and most popular ways to make friends and become involved at UTM.

If your inner athlete is dying to get out, UTM Campus Recreation offers intramural sports in basketball, softball, volleyball, football, and soccer. Intramural sports are a fun way to take a break from the pressures of being a college student.

Eric Simmons, a Campus Recreation staff member says, "We're all excited about Campus Recreation. We have soccer, tennis, golf, and flag football coming up. The deadline to sign up for soccer is September 8th at 7pm and the deadline to



sign up for tennis is September 9th at 5pm."

Intramural soccer begins on September 9th with a jamboree before the first home football game and the registration cost is \$50 per team. Tennis begins on September 13th and flag football begins on September 26th. You can contact Campus Recreation at 7475 for more information about intramural sports.

If you're not a big fan of team sports, the Elam Center has seven basketball courts that have volleyball option, seven racquetball courts, and an Olympic-sized pool that you

can visit anytime during 8am-5pm.

If you're not a great athlete, you can always join one of the many student organizations offered at UTM. Student organizations are a great way to form friendships with people that have similar interests with you. Many organizations post fliers around campus to get the word out about meetings and special events. Keeping an eye out for fliers posted through out campus is the best way to stay informed about student organizations.

The easiest way to curb your boredom is to get involved. You've heard it over and over again during Freshman Welcome Week but it's the truth: you can't just go to class and sit up in your dorm for the next four years. Go join a club or form an intramural team and you'll find that Martin is not a boring place and there's a lot of things to do.

Need Help? Try one of these phone numbers

You might have a question during your first semester. When you don't know who to turn to, try one of these numbers. If the person on the other end can't help you, they can direct you to someone who can.

Student Academic Support Center, 7744
Conditional Admission Advising, 7722
CLEP Testing, 7727
Counseling Center and Career Services, 7720
Study Skills, Tutoring, 7720
Athletics-Academics, 7662

Math Lab, 7394
Reading Center, 7214
Reading Teaching Assistants, 7197
Hortense Parrish Writing Center, 7277
Student Health Services, 7750
Campus Recreation, 7745
Computer Center Help Desk, 7900
Learning Resource Center, 7191
Sports Information, 7630
Paul Meek Library Information, 7060
Paul Meek Library Reference, 7065

FRESHMAN

TALES OF ADVENTURE

AUGUST, 28TH

SATURDAY

☐ Road Trip to the Buffalo River

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☐ Leisurely afternoon event

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No fee required

☐ Bring your Student ID and money for shopping and meal(s)

☐ Road Trip to Diamond Jaxx game

☐ Game starts at 7:05 pm

☐ Meet to leave UTM @ 5:00 pm in the UC parking lot

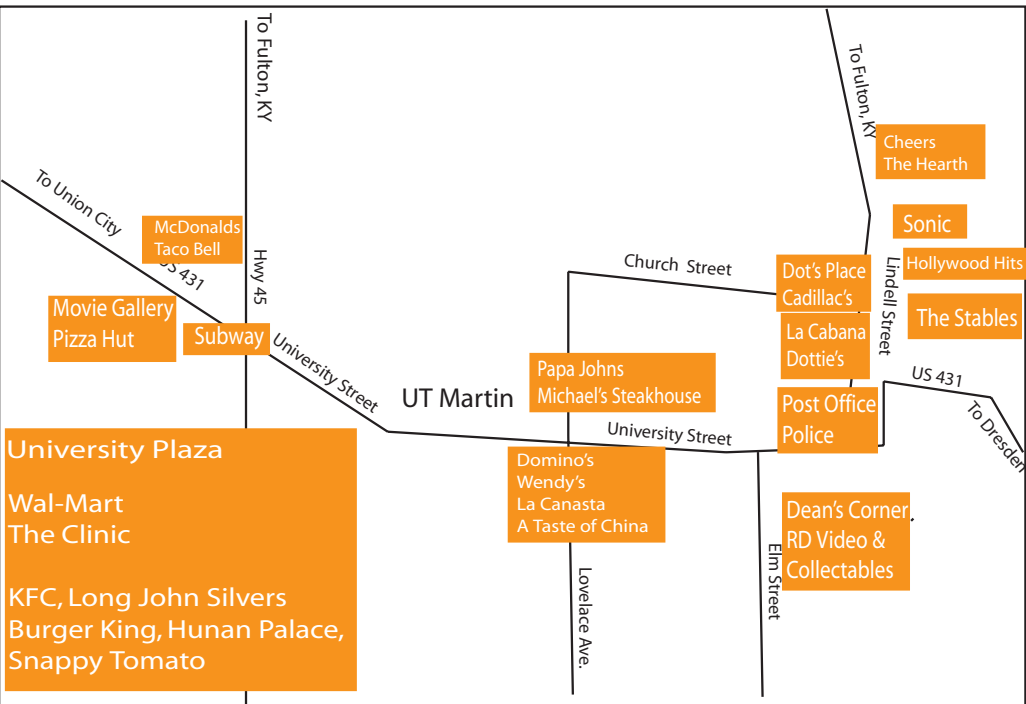
General Admission - \$3.37
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Box Seats - \$6.17

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SEE YOUR PEP LEADER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TO SIGN A WAIVER

Where to Eat, Where to Party in Martin

Party Map: Local Restaurants



Freshman Happenings

Wednesday, August 25
5 p.m.: The Recreation Rampage
Skyhawk Arena
All Groups Attending
(Evening Meal Served)

Thursday, August 26
9:09 p.m.: 9:09 Comedy Series
Watkins Auditorium
Comedian Gerry Dee

Friday, August 27
5 p.m.: Campus Rec/SAC Sports
Night & Mini-All Niter
Skyhawk Arena
9 p.m.: SAC Friday Night Movie
"Envy"
11 p.m.: The SAC Dance at the
Student Life Center

Don't be afraid to follow your dreams



Theresa A. Oliver
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Being a freshman is tough, no matter what anyone tells you. It's hard enough to find your first classes, let alone be on time for them. There are so many activities and organizations to choose from, not to mention which fraternity to join. However, one thing to remember through all of the chaos is to not let it overwhelm you, just follow your dreams.

Think first about what you want out of life and what UTM can do for you. Think of how you might be able to utilize the many services offered to you and try and make sense out of your freshman year. Focus on your dreams and everything else will fall into place. Like the old saying says, "Don't sweat the small stuff." Stay focused on your dreams, create goals and don't worry

about the rest—the rest will take care of itself. Most of all, just enjoy the ride here at UTM. There are plenty of teachers, staff and upper-classman that are willing to help you or offer advice if you so desire. Take advantage of their expertise! They have been there, know what you are going through and are willing to help. You are never alone here at UTM.

There is a saying that goes like this, "If you reach for the stars, you are bound to fall somewhere in between, but you will have achieved your goals." Don't be afraid to follow your dreams. You are in the right place.

Theresa Oliver is a Senior Communications, News Editorial major from Clarksville, IN.

As Arts and Entertainment Editor, I am looking for articles related to the Arts and Entertainment world, such as Art Exhibit reviews, concert reviews in all venues of music, movie reviews and related feature articles. In addition, I will be requesting poetry and short, short story submissions for a UTM Creative Corner. Also submit Quotable Quotes from your favorite teacher/professor. All majors are encouraged to submit stories at pacer.utm.edu

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Burger King 854 University Street 588-0350 Burgers	Hearth Restaurant 613 N. Lindell Street 587-9700 Family Restaurant	La Cabana 305 S. Lindell Street 587-2335 Authentic Mexican	Papa John's 315B University Street 588-0311 Dine-in or Delivery	Subway 810 University Street 587-0098 Sub Sandwiches	
Dairy Queen 555 Elm Street 587-3511 Burgers	Hunan Palace 112 Lovelace Ave 587-6516 Chinese-American	La Canasta 210 Lovelace Avenue 588-0298 Mexican-American	Pizza Hut 780 University St 587-2508 Dine-in or Delivery	Taco Bell 849 University Street 587-6800 Mexican-American	
Dean's Corner 407 S. Lindell 587-5476 Soups and Sandwiches	Iman's Diner & Cafe 112 Lovelace Avenue 5876516 Dine-In and Delivery	Long John Silvers 131 University Plaza Dr 587-9600 Seafood	Snappy Tomato's 164 University Plaza Dr 588-7627 Dine-in or Delivery	Wendy's 308 University Street 587-2110 Burgers	

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Going greek goes high tech

Kevin Teets
Managing Editor

This semester will be UTM's first debut of the online registration program for Greek Life. Greek and student organizations advisor Louis Ragsdale says that the registration process will be much easier now.

"Students going through Rush can register at any time. Chapters can look online and see who has registered. These days you can do nearly anything online and we're glad that registration for Rush is part of this," Ragsdale says.

Ragsdale says that the online recruitment will cost each chapter that participates \$125, with the total cost of the program being \$1,325. Money will come from the dues already paid to the fraternities' and sororities' governing bodies. The chapters will not be charged any additional money.

The online program will not only be easier for men and women signing up for Rush,

but also for the chapters that participate and the Greek life office. The bidding process that sororities use will now be conducted online. Member rosters will also be updated through this program.

Sorority rush is Aug. 26 through Aug. 30. Fraternity rush is Sept. 13 through Sept. 17.

Ragsdale says it's really too early to see whether the online registration process will increase the number of people who go through Rush. But, the initial data seems to be looking good. As of Monday, 155 women have signed up, with three days left for the registration process, as compared with last year's total number of 146.

Of those 155 women registered, 95% completed their registration online.

Men and women who want to go through Rush can sign up by visiting the Greek life web page at <http://www.utm.edu/~utmlife/greeklife/> or call 881-7527.

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SGA holds a cookout on the UC Patio on Sunday night.

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SGA Chief Justice Beau Pemberton works the booth at Freshman Central.



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Student body president welcomes freshmen, encourages feedback



Dusty Dean
SGA President

On behalf of the student body along with all the members of the Student Government Association I welcome you, the class of 2008, to the University of Tennessee at Martin.

I hope you are finally getting settled in and are beginning to discover the aspects of this university that make it such a special place to all of us.

You will soon discover just how sincere our professors and administrators are when it comes to your success. We have an outstanding faculty to student ratio and I strongly encourage each of you to introduce yourselves to all of your professors.

Our student organizations and greek organizations are

top notch and I hope that you can spend time over the next few weeks exploring each organization and find one that best suits your interests. The key to your collegiate happiness comes by finding an organization or group of organizations that you care about and pursuing them with great passion and pride.

The Student Government Association is actively seeking students from the Class of 2008 to serve on our SGA Freshman Council. Students who have served on the SGA Freshman Council have gone on to become student body presidents, SGA senators, fraternity presidents, and editors of both the school newspaper and yearbook. We only have a limited number of spots available so please get your applications in early.

I hope everyone has a great fall semester and please remember that I am here for you so don't hesitate to contact me with your any of your needs or concerns.

Get involved with Freshman Council

Liz Craig
SGA Vice President

Welcome, freshmen!

It is not the easiest task to explain the Freshman Council here at UTM. I could rattle on about how active participation in the Freshman Council leads to a direct relationship with most of the top administration of this campus and some of the other branches of the UT system, including chancellors, vice chancellors, and even presidents.

I could also explain about the countless opportunities to run key meetings with fellow students and even Senators or the chance to work with other innovative and interesting

students from all over Tennessee and the US.

Not to mention how indescribable the satisfaction and pride is that comes when something that you had envisioned in September to change the school is finally finished in February, even better than previously imagined and all because you had the nerve and intelligence to speak your mind and let your idea be heard.

Or that time when you are given the chance to fill someone else with the idea that one person can change a campus, one person with an idea and enough gumption to follow it through.

Oh, and of course I would

not be able to leave out all the pizza parties, intramural sports, community service, and debates that are occurring all the time in chambers and in the office.

Nope, there is just no way to paint a good enough picture, so please, come and see for yourself.

We, the SGA here at UTM, are here to give a voice to the student populace whose opinion is too often silent or whispered so softly as to be ignored by those making the rules. We are here to represent the students and we need all the help we can get. Join the Freshman Council and experience something different.

SPJ

The Society of Professional Journalists student chapter at UTM is active in promoting a strong and free press, learning responsible journalism and telling the stories that need to be told. While most members are Communications majors, the organization is open to all students.

"First Flight" is our annual freshman orientation and fund-raising effort.

Skyhawk football opens 2004 season on the road

Amy Eddings
Sports Editor

As the first game quickly approaches, the Skyhawk football team is looking forward to showing everyone they can improve upon last year's 2-10 record.

"It's miles ahead of last year," said second-year head coach, Matt Griffin, of this year's first inter-squad scrimmage. "We had a couple young guys get wide-eyed and make some early mistakes, but they bounced back and finished really strong on both sides of the ball."

Leading the way this year will be the team captains, quarterback Brady "B. Wally" Wahlberg, and cornerback Russell Gambrell.

The junior Panama City-native, Wahlberg played in eight games last season, throwing for 1,873 yards and 12 touchdowns. He completed 189 of 308 passes, for a 61.4 percentage.

Wahlberg was also the team's leading rusher, scoring three rush-

ing touchdowns and also having the teams longest rush from scrimmage for 41 yards. He picked up 482 yards on 128 carries.

"Brady is a great leader and a great quarterback," said Griffin. "He works hard and he's smart."

Gambrell, a junior from Augusta, Ga., tied for the lead in total tackles in his 12 games, with 69. He also lead in solo tackles with 58, 10 tackles for a loss, two sacks, one interception and one pass break up.

"Russell does everything right," Coach Griffin said. "The guys on the team have started calling him 'No Loaf' because he is constantly working and doing things he needs to do to get the job done right."

In addition to the honor of being named team captain, Gambrell, along with junior defensive back Chad McMahan, was named to the Preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference Team. The team was chosen by league coaches and sports information directors.

McMahan was also tied with Gambrell for the total tackles lead.

"[Gambrell] and [McMahan] are two of our team leaders," said Griffin. "Both young men work extremely hard on and off the field. They are most deserving of this honor."

In other preseason polls, UTM was picked ninth, while Eastern Kentucky was picked first and defending OVC champ Jacksonville State was picked second.

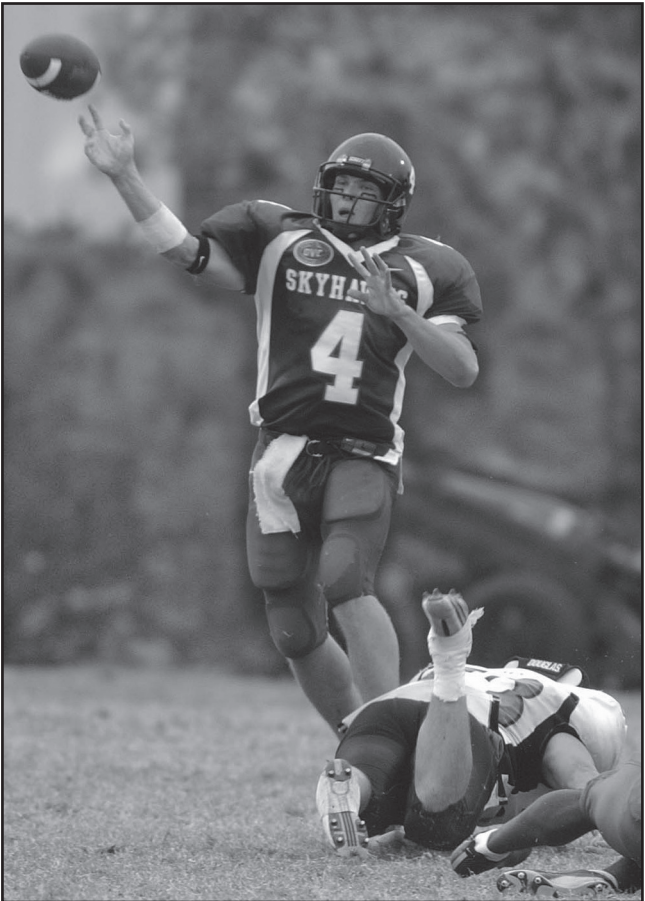
The Skyhawks open the 2004 season on September 2nd, against the Western Michigan Broncos in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The Broncos, who were picked to finish fourth in Mid-American Conference, went 5-7 in 2004.

The Skyhawks will play their home opener on Sept. 9, against Tennessee State.

Following the TSU game will be a three game road trip, which includes two conference games, against Austin Peay, Indiana State, and Tennessee Tech.

Homecoming is scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9 against Jacksonville State.



University Relations

'Dumb Jock' does not apply to Skyhawk athletes anymore



Joe Lofaro
Sports Information Director

Hey freshmen before you hike to the roof top of the residence halls, Gooch Hall or the Andy Holt Humanities Building to tell the world about the "dumb jocks" at the UTM, here's a little tidbit you should know. We do not have any dumb jocks at UTM. Just because an athlete comes across like he's a few fries short of a happy meal that doesn't mean he's a dumb jock.

I know all about how smart freshmen were. Before you became a freshman at UTM, you were a high school senior somewhere and you were among the smartest people in the world. That's changed. If you want to be called smart, you better hit

the books and earn that lofty moniker.

UTM athletes earned the honor of having the highest grade point averages on campus. Here's a look at what happened. Student-athletes set new records for academic success in 2003-2004 with an overall grade point average of 2.96. More than 50 percent made the Dean's List spring semester! These marks are the highest in recorded history.

The UTM volleyball team was one of a record-number 304 programs to receive the 2003-04 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award.

The Skyhawks sported a 3.57 gpa and were one of 46 Division I women's programs honored. After checking with the AVCA, the Skyhawks learned they had the fourth highest gpa. among the 46 Division I schools ranked.

The Skyhawks compete in the Ohio Valley Conference and each year the teams vie for the

league's Academic Achievement Banner. While UTM did not win the prestigious honor this past year, the university was among the top scholars in the OVC.

"This conference takes great pride in the success of its student-athletes, not only on the playing field, but more importantly, in the classroom," said OVC Commissioner Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher.

In addition to the Academic Achievement Banner, the OVC announced its individual academic awards for the 2003-04 year. Eighty-four student-athletes from 18 sports have been awarded the Ohio Valley Conference Medal of Honor, while 844 student-athletes have been named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll.

The Medal of Honor is given annually to the student-athlete who achieves the highest grade point average in a Conference-sponsored sport. All 84 of the student-athletes who earned a medal achieved a perfect 4.0

grade point average. Eastern Illinois, Morehead State and Tennessee-Martin tied with a league-high 11 Medal of Honor recipients apiece.

To be listed on the Commissioner's Honor Roll recipients must have achieved at least a 3.25 grade point average and have been eligible and on the team throughout the competitive season in their chosen NCAA-sponsored sport or sports. UTM had 56 athletes named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll.

As you can see, "dumb jocks" is not appropriate for your UTM Skyhawks. Failure to support the Skyhawk teams during their respective seasons also is inappropriate. Your Skyhawk ID card serves as a free ticket during football and basketball seasons and all other sports do not require a ticket.

Joe Lofaro is the sports information director at UTM and he is a 1988 graduate of UTM.

2004 SKYHAWK SOCCER SCHEDULE

- 8-27 @ UT CHATTANOOGA
- 9-1 @ BELMONT
- 9-3 SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI#
- 9-5 SOUTHERN ALABAMA#
- 9-8 VS. MEMPHIS
- 9-10 VS. LOUISIANA MONROE%
- 9-12 VS. ARKANSAS STATE%
- 9-24 @ MOREHEAD STATE
- 9-26 @ ARKANSAS - LITTLE ROCK
- 10-1 VS. JACKSONVILLE STATE
- 10-3 VS. SAMFORD
- 10-9 @ MURRAY STATE
- 10-15 @ SEMO
- 10-17 @ EASTERN ILLINOIS
- 10-22 VS. AUSTIN PEAY
- 10-24 VS. TENNESSEE TECH
- 10-29 VS. LIPSCOMB
- 11-5 OVC FIRST ROUND

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Intramural Soccer



Captain's Meeting:

September 8 @ 7:00 pm
Fieldhouse Classroom 2059

Official's Training Begins:

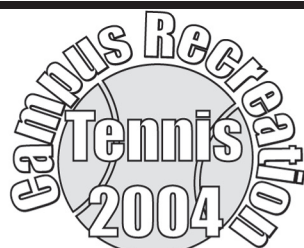
September 7-8 @ 5:00 pm
Fieldhouse Classroom 2059

Play Begins:

September 9

Cost:

\$50 Per Team



Sign Up Deadline:
September 9

Play Begins:

September 13



Sign Up Deadline:
September 15

Play Begins:

September 15

The University of Tennessee at Martin



Captain's Meeting:

September 23 @ 7:00 pm
Fieldhouse Classroom 2059

Official's Training Begins:

September 20-22 @ 7:00 pm
Fieldhouse Classroom 2059

Play Begins:

September 26

Cost:

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